

TAFT SEES PERIL IN INTERVENTION

Says Entering Mexico Would
Cost Many Lives and Accomplish Little.

CANAL TOPICS DISCUSSED

Former President, in Geographic Society Lecture, Urges Country to Observe Treaty Obligations.

Nonintervention in Mexico, observation of this country's treaty obligations with foreign nations regarding the Panama Canal, the promotion of Col. George W. Goethals to be Chief Engineer of the army, and the hope that the United States never again will be called on to intervene in Cuba, were the striking points in an address delivered by former President Taft before the National Geographic Society in the auditorium of the New Masonic Temple yesterday afternoon and evening.

The former President was received with enthusiasm, the applause which greeted him upon entering the hall lasting several minutes. Gen. Greely introduced Mr. Taft as a "modern Ulysses," a man near and dear to the American people and especially to us of Washington.

Mr. Taft was in excellent good humor and said he had been called a good many names in his career, but that it was the first time he ever had been styled "the modern Ulysses."

Would Be Catastrophe.

In speaking of Mexico, the former President said: "The situation is in such a condition that it will be improper for me to comment on it, except to say this: That those who lightly look forward to intervention either are utterly regardless of the loss of life and the expenditure of immense treasure, or else they do not know what armed intervention on the part of this government in Mexico will mean. Those of us who have had experience in the tranquillizing of a tropical country, with a people not very different from the Mexicans, who take naturally to guerrilla warfare, and who would rather fight than work; that is, would rather fight and run than work, know the difficulties that an army would have to meet to accomplish the only purpose that we would have in going in, to wit, the bringing about of law and order.

"It would involve the garrisoning with a sufficient force of every town. It would involve the organization of columns to chase the guerrillas into their mountain fastnesses and across trackless desert plains and the subjugation of 15,000,000 of people. I don't know when we would get through; I don't know how many lives it would involve; I don't know how much it would cost; but I do know it would be a drag upon us and a drain upon our treasury. I do not speak thus positively without some knowledge of the subject. No effort ought to be omitted to prevent a catastrophe like this."

Discussing the Panama Canal, Mr. Taft said it was bad policy not to observe strictly every treaty obligation entered into between this country and foreign nations with regard to the canal.

"Of course," he said, "we have all the rights of ownership, except as they have been limited by treaty. I am willing to arbitrate the question and abide by the decision of the tribunal. I have no time for the man who says we ought to stand on our rights and disregard our duties as imposed on us in the treaties."

Lauds Col. Goethals.

Mr. Taft told how he "found" Col. Goethals, who, as "the son of a Dutchman," inherited his love for canals. He commended Col. Goethals' diplomacy,

straightforward conduct, persistence, patience, wonderful executive ability, and great engineering skill in carrying out the great work. Mr. Taft recommended that the government provide, when the canal is completed, for Col. Goethals' elevation to the rank of major general, and by a special provision allow the President, when the vacancy occurs, to name him Chief Engineer of the army.

The former President said he was awed, that Mayor Mitchell of New York, wanted Col. Goethals for chief of police, but urged that his services be retained. He recommended Capt. Harbord, of the army, for commissioner of police of New York, for which he is particularly well fitted on account of his great tact, capacity, and training, it was said.

Mr. Taft also narrated his personal experience and impressions of his residence in the Philippines, in Porto Rico, in Cuba, and told of his travels through Mongolia, Siberia, and Russia.

DEFIANCE FRAME READY.

Defender Will Be Launched About the Middle of May.

Bath, Me., Feb. 27.—The work of setting up the frame for the racing yacht Defiance was begun at the Bath Iron Works yesterday. It will require several days, but it is probable that the placing of the mahogany planking will not begin much before the middle of next month.

The spars, which will arrive from East Boston about April 1, will be finished and ready for stepping on the vessel by the designer Owen stated yesterday that the Defiance would be launched as near the middle of May as possible.

COLUMBIA STRONG FOR CRAWFORD.

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 27.—John Montgomery Ward, business manager of the Brooklyn Club in the Federal League, announced yesterday that his club would make a strong effort to get Sam Crawford, of the Detroit Tigers, as manager.

Crawford is in England with the tourist players, and has been mentioned several times as a player under consideration for the job.

YOUNGSTERS SHOW CLASS IN "Y" MEET

Many Exciting Finishes in Annual Games in Which Hayes Stars.

The annual athletic meet of the Y. M. C. A. boys' department last night was held before an audience which filled every seat in the gallery. In point of entries the meet was the largest ever staged by the association. The Hero Club won the cup offered for the club scoring the most number of points with a total of nine.

In the individual competition for the shield C. Holm, versus Robin tied for first honors, while the feature of the meet was the running of Arthur Hayes, who although completely outclassed in a race, ran second in a large field in the four laps.

Several exciting relay races came through the stretch. The race between the Hero Club and the Olympic Club was well contested being won by the Olympic Club by a few yards. The summaries:

100-yard dash: Class 1 (over twelve)—First, Hayes; second, Paine; third, C. Foster. Time, 1:14.

200-yard dash: Class 2 (twelve to fourteen years)—First, Sam Robin; second, Donald White; third, Sam Robin. Time, 2:30.

400-yard dash: Class 3 (fourteen to sixteen years)—First, Hayes; second, Smith; third, Hold. Time, 6:27.

800-yard dash: Class 4 (over sixteen years)—First, Hayes; second, George Moore; third, Ed Nelson. Time, 13:14.

1600-yard dash: Class 5 (over sixteen years)—First, Hayes; second, Boy Slater; second, Moore; third, Goetz.

5000-yard race: Class 6 (over sixteen years)—First, Hayes; second, Nelson, Black, and Robin; Spartans vs. "A" class, won by Spartans; Spartans vs. "B" class, won by Spartans; Spartans vs. "C" class, won by Spartans.

A 60-yard exhibition by Mr. John Mahoney, of the Columbia Athletic Club, concluded the program.

BYRAN ACCEPTS OFFER BY VILLA

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notified by cable yesterday that it had been delivered to the American Embassy in Mexico City. There is good reason to believe that while Mr. Bryan was not personally have received the Huerta note, it is in the Department of State.

No News as to Baugh.

The Baugh case is at a standstill, and the general opinion here is that the American is dead. Mr. Bryan did not seem perturbed over the case, and it is believed the administration will assume that the man was not killed unless positive evidence of his death is obtained.

Consul Edwards reported he saw Baugh in prison February 15, at Juarez, the day after Baugh was executed, though Baugh's death was not known at that time. After February 15, Mr. Edwards was told that Baugh had been taken to Chihuahua, but Villa denied this, and Consul Edwards has been unable to locate the man in the Southern city. Thorough search has been made of the Juarez jails, and he could not be found. Former prisoners are reported as saying they saw Baugh taken away in a crowd of soldiers on the afternoon of February 15.

DISAGREED WITH VILLA.

Washington agents of the constitutionists do not conceal their disgust at Villa, and regret that he slipped from the control of his advisers. They predict, however, that Carranza will be able to bring him to a realization of what he should do, and declare that the chief of the revolution soon will go to Chihuahua and meet Villa.

Disappointed from the border, however, do not bear out these statements, and give strength, rather, to the general impression here that Carranza and Villa will not meet as long as Carranza's present large force in Chihuahua. From Nogales, where Carranza now is, it is said that details of the campaign for the north must be arranged before Carranza will go to Chihuahua. From Chihuahua, it is stated, Carranza is not expected there until Villa has gone south, and that "Villa has given up his intention of leading an attack on Torreon in the near future."

HUERTA GOVERNMENT SAYS IT HAS NO INFORMATION OF VERGARA'S EXECUTION

Mexico City, Feb. 27.—Regarding the demand of the United States government for the punishment of the persons responsible for the death of Clemente Vergara, who has been executed near Nuevo Laredo, the Huerta government claims it has no information of the death of Vergara. The matter is at a standstill, pending an official report of the execution.

An old friend of William S. Benton, the Englishman who was put to death by Villa, says that he saw the body of Benton well preserved and that there always had been blood between the two men. It is intimated that Villa seized the opportunity to end the feud.

Vincente Segura's head of rebels captured the city of Tulancingo, in Hidalgo, today, and it is reported tonight that Segura's native city, Pachuca, also has fallen.

Heavy fighting was reported today near El Parque in Morelos. Several hundred are said to have been killed on both sides.

Several leading citizens of the suburb of San Angeles were arrested today on the charge of giving aid to Zapata.

Twenty-eight federalists were killed today by the dynamiting of a military train north of Mexico, Montemorelos.

Coinage of silver money was stopped today by order of the government.

BANK CONTROL SUIT DISMISSED IN COURT

J. M. Baker Loses Case Out of Which Grew Charges Against Justice Wright.

FLAWS PICKED IN CONTRACT

The suit of James M. Baker against Wade H. Cooper, out of which grew the latter's charges against Justice Wright, of the District Supreme Court, recently filed with President Wilson, yesterday was dismissed by Justice Stafford, of the same court.

The bill was to enforce specific performance of a contract relating to the ownership and control of certain stock of the bank. Justice Stafford held that the contract sought to be enforced by Baker is one which a court of equity should not look upon with favor sufficient to compel performance. The court criticizes the nature of the agreement on account of the words, "operate as a bank for the joint interests."

"I feel certain," says Justice Stafford, "that the contract testified to by the plaintiff, when carefully weighed, is one which a court of equity cannot approve and enforce. Nor in my judgment is it possible to separate, approve, and enforce that part of the agreement by which it is claimed that Cooper undertook to purchase the Garrison shares for the plaintiff. I cannot but think that the approval and enforcement of such a contract as this would be contrary to the principles of equity, the contract itself being in my opinion, if not illegal, at least inequitable in respect to minority stockholders and depositors, and of evil tendency."

Commenting on the decision, Mr. Cooper, who is president of the United States Savings Bank, said: "It settles in my favor the suit in which Justice Wright testified. It leaves my friends and myself in control of the bank. After I was elected president of the bank, Justice Wright, Mr. Baker and myself differed about certain policies, which resulted in a fight for control. Later Mr. Baker filed a suit, supported by an affidavit from Justice Wright, claiming that there was a certain additional verbal stipulation in my agreement with Baker, which I contended was false."

\$135,000 TOMB TO BE BUILT.

Body of Unknown Man to Rest in Magnificent Mausoleum.

A mausoleum, to cost \$135,000, may be erected in some Washington cemetery soon, according to an announcement yesterday by S. H. Hines, undertaker, of this city.

Mr. Hines refused to disclose the name of the man, who died recently, leaving with his will plans and specifications for so fine a tomb. He said the will was probated in a distant city, but would not name the place.

The tomb must be erected either in Washington, Philadelphia, or New York, said Mr. Hines. "Naturally I would rather have it here."

A peculiar fact is that the testator in question is said to be the last of his family. His body alone will rest in the tomb.

No American city, says the Scientific American, has a pneumatic tube system (for postal use) comparable with that of Paris or Berlin. The average Parisian "tube letter," it is said, is delivered in an hour and a quarter after it is posted.

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AINY RESOLUTION ON MEXICO FAILS

Members of House Committee Favor Letting Administration Work Out Problem.

It was disclosed yesterday at a meeting of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs that an overwhelming majority of that body is opposed to taking action on any resolution of inquiry that may be introduced bearing on the Mexican situation. The committee believes that the administration should be left with a free hand to work out the Mexican problem in its own way.

This sentiment was developed apropos of the consideration given a resolution offered by Representative Ainy, of Pennsylvania, calling on the President to forward to the House all information relative to conditions in Mexico. Mr. Ainy appeared in support of the resolution.

Representative Levy, of New York, and Vaughan, of Texas, defended the administration. They opposed the administration on the ground that a report on it might lead to debate that would embarrass seriously the administration in its endeavors to adjust the Mexican troubles in a peaceful way.

Representative Fairchild, of New York, who has property interests near the Mexican border, declared the American people were not advised fully of developments in and about Mexico, and that if they were the administration might be forced to intervene.

The discussion developed that Representative Ainy and Fairchild are the only members of the committee who believe that a resolution should be passed. As a result of the dissatisfaction expressed over the failure of administration officials to confer with the committee relative to conditions in Mexico it was decided to ask Secretary Bryan to appear. Accordingly, a resolution was adopted inviting Mr. Bryan to attend the committee meeting Monday.

DOWN THE ALLEYS.

CARROLL COUNCIL (K. O. C.) LEAGUE.

Team	Points	Team	Points
Genoa	100	Becker	100
Chicago	90	Chicago	90
St. Louis	80	St. Louis	80
Pittsburgh	70	Pittsburgh	70
Buffalo	60	Buffalo	60
San Francisco	50	San Francisco	50
Seattle	40	Seattle	40
Portland	30	Portland	30
San Diego	20	San Diego	20
Los Angeles	10	Los Angeles	10
Total	680	Total	680

COLUMBIA DUCKPIN LEAGUE.

Team	Points	Team	Points
Genoa	100	Becker	100
Chicago	90	Chicago	90
St. Louis	80	St. Louis	80
Pittsburgh	70	Pittsburgh	70
Buffalo	60	Buffalo	60
San Francisco	50	San Francisco	50
Seattle	40	Seattle	40
Portland	30	Portland	30
San Diego	20	San Diego	20
Los Angeles	10	Los Angeles	10
Total	680	Total	680

PORTLAND SAVINGS DUCKPIN LEAGUE.

Team	Points	Team	Points
Genoa	100	Becker	100
Chicago	90	Chicago	90
St. Louis	80	St. Louis	80
Pittsburgh	70	Pittsburgh	70
Buffalo	60	Buffalo	60
San Francisco	50	San Francisco	50
Seattle	40	Seattle	40
Portland	30	Portland	30
San Diego	20	San Diego	20
Los Angeles	10	Los Angeles	10
Total	680	Total	680

ARCADE DUCKPIN LEAGUE.

Team	Points	Team	Points
Genoa	100	Becker	100
Chicago	90	Chicago	90
St. Louis	80	St. Louis	80
Pittsburgh	70	Pittsburgh	70
Buffalo	60	Buffalo	60
San Francisco	50	San Francisco	50
Seattle	40	Seattle	40
Portland	30	Portland	30
San Diego	20	San Diego	20
Los Angeles	10	Los Angeles	10
Total	680	Total	680

PORTFOLIO DEPARTMENT LEAGUE.

Team	Points	Team	Points
Genoa	100	Becker	100
Chicago	90	Chicago	90
St. Louis	80	St. Louis	80
Pittsburgh	70	Pittsburgh	70
Buffalo	60	Buffalo	60
San Francisco	50	San Francisco	50
Seattle	40	Seattle	40
Portland	30	Portland	30
San Diego	20	San Diego	20
Los Angeles	10	Los Angeles	10
Total	680	Total	680

PEPCO DUCKPIN LEAGUE.

Team	Points	Team	Points
Genoa	100	Becker	100
Chicago	90	Chicago	90
St. Louis	80	St. Louis	80
Pittsburgh	70	Pittsburgh	70
Buffalo	60	Buffalo	60
San Francisco	50	San Francisco	50
Seattle	40	Seattle	40
Portland	30	Portland	30
San Diego	20	San Diego	20
Los Angeles	10	Los Angeles	10
Total	680	Total	680

Y. M. C. A. DUCKPIN LEAGUE.

Team	Points	Team	Points
Genoa	100	Becker	100
Chicago	90	Chicago	90
St. Louis	80	St. Louis	80
Pittsburgh	70	Pittsburgh	70
Buffalo	60	Buffalo	60
San Francisco	50	San Francisco	50
Seattle	40	Seattle	40
Portland	30	Portland	30
San Diego	20	San Diego	20
Los Angeles	10	Los Angeles	10
Total	680	Total	680

SOUTHWEST DUCKPIN LEAGUE.

Team	Points	Team	Points
Genoa	100	Becker	100
Chicago	90	Chicago	90
St. Louis	80	St. Louis	80
Pittsburgh	70	Pittsburgh	70
Buffalo	60	Buffalo	60
San Francisco	50	San Francisco	50
Seattle	40	Seattle	40
Portland	30	Portland	30
San Diego	20	San Diego	20
Los Angeles	10	Los Angeles	10
Total	680	Total	680

PATENT ATTORNEYS' LEAGUE.

Team	Points	Team	Points
Genoa	100	Becker	100
Chicago	90	Chicago	90
St. Louis	80	St. Louis	80
Pittsburgh	70	Pittsburgh	70
Buffalo	60	Buffalo	60
San Francisco	50	San Francisco	50
Seattle	40	Seattle	40
Portland	30	Portland	30
San Diego	20	San Diego	20
Los Angeles	10	Los Angeles	10
Total	680	Total	680

NATIONAL CAPITAL LEAGUE.

Team	Points	Team	Points
Genoa	100	Becker	100
Chicago	90	Chicago	90
St. Louis	80	St. Louis	80
Pittsburgh	70	Pittsburgh	70
Buffalo	60	Buffalo	60
San Francisco	50	San Francisco	50
Seattle	40	Seattle	40
Portland	30	Portland	30
San Diego	20	San Diego	20
Los Angeles	10	Los Angeles	10
Total	680	Total	680

DEPARTMENTAL DUCKPIN LEAGUE.

Team	Points	Team	Points
Genoa	100	Becker	100
Chicago	90	Chicago	90
St. Louis	80	St. Louis	80
Pittsburgh	70	Pittsburgh	70
Buffalo	60	Buffalo	60
San Francisco	50	San Francisco	50
Seattle	40	Seattle	40
Portland	30	Portland	30
San Diego	20	San Diego	20
Los Angeles	10	Los Angeles	10
Total	680	Total	680

NAVY YARD DUCKPIN LEAGUE.

Team	Points	Team	Points
Genoa	100	Becker	100
Chicago	90	Chicago	90
St. Louis	80	St. Louis	80
Pittsburgh	70	Pittsburgh	70
Buffalo	60	Buffalo	60
San Francisco	50	San Francisco	50
Seattle	40	Seattle	40
Portland	30	Portland	30
San Diego	20	San Diego	20
Los Angeles	10	Los Angeles	10
Total	680	Total	680

SENSATIONS PROMISED AT NEW BECKER TRIAL

Attorney for Former Police Lieutenant Says He Has New Witnesses Who Will Discredit Prosecution's Story.

GUNMEN TO WIN REPRIEVE

New York, Feb. 27.—The second trial of former Lieut. Charles Becker for the murder of Herman Rosenthal is likely to prove more sensational than the first.

According to Attorney Joseph A. Shay, who fought Becker's case in the Court of Appeals, the defense has uncovered between twelve and sixteen new witnesses, whose testimony will discredit that of Jack Rose, Sam Schepps, Bridget Webber, and Harry Vallon, the four men who, the State charged, conspired with Becker to commit the crime.

Becker spent the h-piest day in almost two years at the Tombs today. He rose early, called for the barber and then dressed in the usual suit of civilian clothes he wore to Sing Sing after his conviction.

A few newspaper men were given an audience during the morning, but Becker had called upon them to tell them he was "through talking." He remarked that he "slept fine," and that the air in the Tombs was much better than that of the death house.

Harry Vallon, whom Becker says shot Rosenthal, and whom the new witnesses swear he saw run across the walk and jump into the car after the shooting, is much alarmed at the turn affairs are taking.

"I lost my job yesterday as a result of this business," he said. "It was the first real job I ever had. My wife is sick, too, and I'm in a peck of trouble, but I suppose it's one of those 'wages of sin' cases you read about."

The four gunmen, condemned to die during the week of April 12, for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, for which former Police Lieut. Becker is to be retried, are to have a stay.

Attorney Charles G. F. Wahle, their counsel, made this announcement tonight. He said that the reprieve, to be effective at least until the result of Becker's second trial becomes known, will most likely be issued by Gov. Glynn in the near future.

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